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Applicant : Jeff Bedell et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2005**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2005, Applicants respond as follows. The Office requested additional information related to MicroStrategy 7.0.

Applicants respond as follows. The Declaration by the inventors inadvertently said that MicroStrategy 7.0 was released to the public on or *before* June of 2000. That phrase was supposed to state one or *after* June of 2000.

MicroStrategy announced the general availability of MicroStrategy 7.0 on June 27, 2000. A press release making that announcement is attached hereto as Exhibit A. MicroStrategy 7.0 was not provided to the public prior to that time. Any Beta versions of software that were then used to prepare the final release version of MicroStrategy 7.0 or earlier versions of documentation related to those Beta versions by any party outside of MicroStrategy were protected by confidentiality obligations.